

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-23 are currently pending. Claims 1, 8-10, and 16-23 are independent.

The abstract is hereby amended.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,295,752 to Jain, et al. (hereinafter, merely, "Jain")

III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"...a metadata notation format identification block for identifying a notation format of metadata written in a predetermined language;

a conversion table selection block for selecting a conversion table corresponding to said identified notation format of said metadata from among one or more conversion tables prepared in advance;

a metadata notation format conversion block for converting said notation format of said metadata into a notation format compatible with said video signal processing apparatus on the basis of said selected conversion table..." (emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that *Jain* does not disclose or suggest the above-identified features of claim 1. Specifically, Applicants respectfully submit that *Jain* does not teach or suggest "metadata notation format".

Cited portions of *Jain*, specifically, column 8, lines 42-57, disclose:

During metadata capture, the user may mark video clips and annotate them. This input 552 is captured by the GUI Input Capture element 550. Event monitoring 540 and dispatch 544 also occurs during capture, driven by an Event Dictionary 542. Finally, when capture is complete, the metadata may be output in a variety of formats such as Virage Data Format (VDF) 562, HTML 564, XML 566, SMIL 568 and other 570, which are managed by the Output Filter Manager 560. A VDF API and Toolkit may be licensed from Virage of San Mateo, Calif. Furthermore, the use of the format is described in "Virage VDF Toolkit Programmer's Reference". One reference for the eXtensible Mark-up Language (XML) is the following URL: <http://www.w3.org/TR/REC-xml> which is a subpage for the W3C. Also, information on Synchronized Multimedia Integration Language (SMIL) may be accessed at the W3C site.

Jain teaches that the "metadata may be output in a variety of formats such as Virage Data Fromat (VDF) 562, HTML 564, XML 566, SMIL 568 and other 570, which are managed by the Output Filter Manager 560." Therefore, because *Jain* does not disclose "metadata notation format", *Jain* can not teach or suggest the "metadata notation format identification block for identifying a notation format of metadata written in a predetermined language", the "conversion table selection block for selecting a conversion table corresponding to said identified notation

format of said metadata”, or the “metadata notation format conversion block for converting said notation format of said metadata into a notation format compatible with said video signal processing apparatus on the basis of said selected conversion table”, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is allowable. For the same, or similar reasons, the other independent claims 8-10 and 16-23 are also allowable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

Similarly, because Applicants maintain that all claims are allowable for at least the reasons presented hereinabove, in the interests of brevity, this response does not comment on each and every comment made by the Examiner in the Office Action. This should not be taken as acquiescence of the substance of those comments, and Applicants reserve the right to address such comments.

CONCLUSION

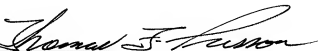
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims remaining in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of the statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited reference or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portion or portions of the reference or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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